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Application of:

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For: **Analog of Human Basic Fibroblast
Growth Factor Mutated at One or
More of the Positions Glutamate 89,
Aspartate 101 or Leucine 137**

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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended two (2) months from June 21, 2002 to August 21, 2002 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$200.00 for a two (2) month extension for a small entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 36355. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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